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*Here is what's happening in the German communities
around Giebelstadt, Kitzingen, Würzburg and the greater Franconia region*



Local tradition honors modest patron saint

By Sandra Hanson
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Early November in Germany is traditionally the time of martini parades, called Martinszug, and martini markets. Both are ancient traditions that have nothing to do with the well-known drink of the same name.

The parades and markets were established to honor Martin von Tours, better known as Saint Martin, a Roman soldier, who was born in Hungary in 316 A.D. St. Martin is the patron saint for a number of European Cities, countries and trades. He is known for his charity and modesty.

According to one legend, St. Martin was riding through a small town in France on a cold winter night with the streets covered in snow. The town seemed deserted until he came upon a man who was freezing and asked for help. It was a beggar dressed in rags. St. Martin did not have any money to give him so he took his sword, cut his own coat in half and gave one half to the beggar.

As the story with the beggar and the coat was passed from town to town, St. Martin,

who had left the Roman army after the incident, became a well-known man. People liked and respected him. Around 372 A.D., St. Martin was asked to become bishop of Tours, France.

St. Martin, who was a modest man, felt loyal to his monastery and declined the offer at first. To trick St. Martin into coming to the election, a citizen threw himself in front of St. Martin pretending his wife needed immediate help. It worked. St. Martin stepped outside; the citizens were already lined up, prepared to guide their bishop candidate to the election.

The only opposition came from a small number of other bishops who did not consider St. Martin worthy of becoming bishop because of his poor attire and appearance. They argued with the people, but finally gave in.

To escape election, St. Martin managed to get away during the argument and hid among geese in a barn. With the geese honking, however, St. Martin was discovered and was elected bishop of Tours. He died Nov. 8, 397 A.D. in Candes, France.

Nowadays, kindergarten children gather in their neighborhoods on the first or second weekend in November to pay tribute to St. Martin and remember his charitable act. Equipped with lanterns, they hold martini parades and sing St. Martin songs. The parade is often led by a horseman who symbolizes St. Martin. At the end of the parade, children replay the scene with the beggar and St. Martin cutting his coat in half. Finally, children will eat the so-called Martinsgänse, which are pastries shaped like geese symbolizing St. Martin's hide out before the bishop's



Children have fun while walking with their lanterns during a martini parade. Courtesy photo election.

Cities that will hold martini parades include Dettelbach, Nov. 10; Abtswind and Nenzenheim, Nov. 11; Marktbreit, Nov. 12; and Ochsenfurt, Nov. 13. The parades will start around 5 p.m.

For more information on martini parades, contact your local tourist information office.

Some cities will hold martini markets offering a broad range of products. The markets are similar to a small fest including some entertainment, booths and food.

The town of Iphofen, for example, will hosts its traditional martini market Nov. 5 and 6 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The market will be held downtown Iphofen and more than 100 vendors will present a variety of products ranging from leather goods and crafts to jewelry and household goods. Also available will be culinary specialties from the region including pastries, cheese, tea, spices, wine and more.

Small children's rides will be set up on the market square.

Local stores will be open Sunday afternoon from 1 to 6 p.m.

For more information, call the Iphofen Tourist Information Office at 09323-870306, e-mail tourist@iphofen.de or visit their Web site www.iphofen.de.



The traditional martini market downtown Iphofen offers a broad range of products.

Photo by the Iphofen Tourist Information Office



Events in Würzburg, Kitzingen

Nov. 5 & 6 Würzburg, 21st annual Jazzfestival

This traditional festival takes place at the Felix-Fechenbach-Haus, located on Petrinistr. 11 in Würzburg-Grombühl. It promotes local and national German jazz music, featuring internationally well-known artists such as Wolfgang Dauner, Klaus Doldinger and Barbara Dennerlein. The cost is €20 per day. For tickets, call 0931-355910 or 0931-372398. For more information, e-mail jazzfestival@jazzini-wuerzburg.de.

Bring the New Year in with a cruise down the Main River

New Year's Eve is one of the biggest events in Germany. One special aspect about New Year's Eve in Germany is the count down toward midnight with fireworks bringing in the New Year.

The communities of Dettelbach, Gerolzhofen, Iphofen, Kitzingen and Volkach offer a New Year's cruise on the Main River. The boat MS Franconia will leave the

Kitzingen Marina at 7 p.m. A bus transfer to the marina is offered from any of the above mentioned communities. The MS Franconia will travel through the Franconian wine region past Mainstockheim, Dettelbach and Münster-schwarzach.

Guests can enjoy an evening of food, dance, music and live entertainment. At midnight, the MS Franconia will dock in Volkach just in time to toast the New Year. A bus transfer will start taking guests back to their destination of origin at 2 a.m.

The cost is €99 per person. The bus transfer, as well as the buffet, a glass of champagne and a bowl of soup at midnight are included in the price.

For information and tickets, call any of the following tourist information offices:

Dettelbach 09324-3560, Gerolzhofen 09382-903512, Iphofen 09323-870306, Kitzingen 09321-920019, Volkach 09381-40112.

Sommerhausen's nature station offers variety of events

The **Wildpark Sommerhausen** (between Kitzingen and Würzburg) offers a variety of programs in November. Those wanting to participate in any of the events need to register at the following e-mail address: umweltstation-sommerhausen@t-online.de. For more information, call 09333-902810.

Nov. 10, animal encounters

Children get to know and feed the animals



Children at the Wildpark learn about various animals.

Courtesy photo

at the **Wildpark** including sheep, goats and rabbits. Through early exposure to the animals, children learn how to treat animals. Children have to be at least two years old to participate. Please bring waterproof clothing. From 3 to 4:30 p.m. Register by Nov. 8. The cost is €3.50 per adult and 1 child; every additional child is €2.

Nov. 18, sparkling stars in the winter

Find out why the stars in the sky look different in the wintertime and find them on a map. With some tricks, you can see stars on the ground. From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Register by Nov. 16. The cost is €4.

Nov. 18, St. Martin's Day

Children will walk through the **Wildpark** with St. Martin lanterns. Discover where chicken sleep and what foxes and ferrets do at night. From 5 to 6 p.m. Register by Nov. 16. The cost is €2.50. Please, bring your own lanterns. This event will only take place during dry weather.

Nov. 25, November in the fall

Today, we won't mind the rain! Dressed in waterproof clothing, we will walk through the woods, play fun puddle games and make small crafts. Please bring waterproof clothing, rain boots and a dry pair of socks. From 2 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is €3.50. Register by Nov. 23.

Circus Roncalli visits Würzburg Nov. 10 - 20

For the first time, the famous Circus Roncalli crew will pitch their tents in Würzburg. International artists and The Kelly Family will bring the new show "Who will come with me" to the arena. Enjoy a combination of circus arena performances and folk rock music. The circus will be set up on the



Csaba and Jigolov will perform in the Circus Roncalli. *Courtesy photo*

Save money at restaurants in Lower Franconia

The Mainfranken region offers a great variety of food. A gourmet coupon booklet is available that allows you to enjoy Franconian cuisine while saving money. Some 23 restaurants participate in this campaign sponsored by the Main Post media group. The cost for the

booklet, called *Geniesser Heft*, is €29.90. You will have the option of ordering two menus and only paying for the more expensive one or ordering two three course meals and only paying half for one of the meals.

For more information on selected restaurants or to purchase a booklet, call 01801-678678.

Nov. 25, small architects

Do you always need stones to build a house? We will build clay and wooden houses. From 2 to 4 p.m. The cost is €4. Register by Nov. 23.

Nov. 29, baking cookies

There is no Christmas without Christmas cookies. We will bake them ourselves. And of course, we will eat them afterwards. From 4 to 6 p.m. The cost is €4. Register by Nov. 25.

For families:

Nov. 12, building a bird house

Some birds don't go south during the winter. If the winter is cold, birds need our help. We will think about why some birds stay here and how we can help them. Everyone will build a bird house, that each participant can take home. From 3 to 5 p.m. The cost is €10 for families, €5 for adults and €3.50 per child plus the cost for materials used. Register by Nov. 3.

Nov. 13, collecting berries

Walk through nature and collect a variety of berries. According to the time of the year, we will find different kinds of berries. We will use those berries and create delicious drinks. Please bring a dark clean glass bottle. The event will be held from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The cost is €12 for families, €5.50 for adults and €4 per child. Register by Nov. 10.

Local wine fests in November

For more information on each wine fest, visit www.fraenkischer-weinfestkalender.de.

Search by months and location. Contact phone numbers for the fests are usually listed.

A map including the wine fest towns is available. Choose "Übersichtskarte" from the menu bar and then, click on the map to enlarge a specific area.

Wine fests may be located indoors. Wine fests may be canceled due to weather without prior notice.

Oct. 28 – Nov. 1

Bullenheim

Nov. 1 – 20

Ippesheim

Nov. 1 – 30

Erlenbach

Nov. 4 – 6

Bullenheim

Neuses am Sand

Nov. 5

Escherndorf

Nov. 5 & 6

Oberschwarzach

Nov. 12

Escherndorf

Nov. 12 & 13

Oberschwarzach

Nov. 13

Miltenberg

Nov. 19

Escherndorf

Nov. 19 – Dec. 18

Obereisenheim

Nov. 20

Klingenberg

Nov. 26

Castell

Nov. 26 & 27

Auernhofen

Nov. 27

Weigenheim



November Art Exhibits

**The history of wine-growing
Mönchsondheim
Until Nov. 27**

The **Kirchenburg museum** Mönchsondheim hosts a special exhibition on wine growing in Franconia during the middle ages. Opening hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 1:30 to 6 p.m. Sundays and holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 09326-1224 or e-mail kirchenburgmuseum@kitzingen.de.

**Finding traces, follow traces, leaving traces,
Iphofen**

Nov. 3, 2005 – Jan. 29, 2006

The **Vinothek** in Iphofen exhibits the works of artist Carin Kestel. Opening hours: Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Weekends and holidays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Vinothek is closed on Mondays. For more information, call 09323-870317.



Ulrich Lipp's works are on display at the Galerie MAX-21 in Iphofen. Courtesy photo

**Mixed collection
Iphofen
Until Nov. 30**

A variety of artists will exhibit their works at the **Galerie MAX-21**.

Opening hours: Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. For more information, call (09323) 870656 or e-mail info@max-21.de.

**In the sign of Dionysos
Würzburg**

Until Feb. 5, 2006

The **Martin von Wagner museum** presents an exhibition on ancient theaters including masks, choirs and machines. Opening hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 0931-312288.

**Bon Appetite
Würzburg**

Until March 5, 2006

The **Mainfränkische museum** features an exhibition on the various dining manners in different social classes from the 16th through the 19th century. Shown are golden and silver goblets, valuable china, items that were used in lower classes as well as paintings describing the dining habits back then.

Opening hours: April through October from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. November through March from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays.

For more information, call 0931-205940.

November performances at the Mainfranken Theater

For more information on the various performances, go to:

www.theaterwuertzburg.de/main.php. For tickets, call (0931) 3908-124.

Nov. 1, 6, 20, 24 & 26

Grand Hall, *La Bohème*, an opera by Giacomo Puccini starts at 7:30 p.m. each day.

Nov. 5 & 13

Grand Hall, *The abduction from the Serail*, an operetta by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart starts at 7:30 p.m. on both days.

Nov. 20 & 25

Grand Hall, *Andersen's World*, a ballet by Anna Vita. For the 200th birthday of the Danish children's books author Hans Christian Andersen, Vita produced a ballet combining the author's life and his story characters. The ballet starts at 11 a.m. on both days.

The abduction from the Serail will play Nov. 5 & 13. Photo by Kai-Uwe Schulte-Bunert





Dinkelsbühl hosts 20th annual fish harvest

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Fishing in Dinkelsbühl is a craft with tradition. With a number of fishponds surrounding the town, fish has always been part of the daily diet for simple farmers as well as for wealthy citizens.

The traditional fish harvest during the fall has been turned into a weeklong culinary fest. During Oct. 29 through Nov. 6, the city of Dinkelsbühl will host its 20th annual fish harvest week on the Weinmarkt market square

downtown Dinkelsbühl. For nine days, everything in town will revolve around fish.

The fish harvest will kick off Oct. 29 with a concert performed by a German brass band on the Weinmarkt at 10:30 a.m.

A fish harvest at the Rothenburger pond is scheduled for the opening day starting at 2 p.m. Fishermen will drain the pond completely before they actually harvest their fish. Other ponds around the city will be harvested Thursday through Saturday at 9 a.m. each day.

Visitors can expect a variety of culinary specialties throughout the week as local restaurants will offer special fish menus.

Also offered throughout the fish harvest week will be farmer's and fish markets as well as a number of indoor and outdoor exhibitions on fish and shellfish including aquariums and ponds.

For those wanting to combine tradition with shopping, a Martini market will be held Sunday, Nov. 6 starting at 10 a.m. Local stores will



Fishermen show visitors how to harvest fish.

Dinkelsbühl Tourist Office photos also be open during that time.

Dinkelsbühl is located about 65 miles south of Würzburg. Take A7 toward Rothenburg/ Ulm and take exit number 112 toward Dinkelsbühl.

For more information on the fish harvest fest or the city and a complete schedule of events, contact the Dinkelsbühl Tourist Information Office at 09851-90240.



The region around Dinkelsbühl is considered one of the greatest fishpond areas in Bavaria.

Outdoor museum takes visitors to yesteryears

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A visit to a 45-acre outdoor museum in Bad Windsheim could literally send you back in time.

The museum, called Fränkische Freilandmuseum, is full of large exhibitions that offer an insight into what Franconian farm communities have looked like from the middle ages until present.

With more than 80 original buildings, the museum is considered one of the largest of its kind in Germany.

"One unique fact about the museum is its authenticity," said Ingrid Hissel, museum representative. "Except for a small number, all the buildings come from cities within Franconia. Most of them were taken apart and put back up in their original state; some were brought here in one piece."

The buildings are set up as small villages and present a variety of trades during different time

periods.

Partly furnished, each house is a small museum in itself. Furniture, pictures, dishes, tools, curtains and more have been placed according to historic resources, Hissel said.

The museum opened with only a few houses in 1982 and has been expanding ever since. Historic houses in the region that have fallen into decay are brought to the museum making it a never-ending project.

The museum has a variety of events scheduled throughout the year such as cooking and baking with old-fashion tools.

For a schedule of events, visit the museum's website at www.freilandmuseum.de.

English tours are offered, but have to be scheduled at least one week in advance. Museum guide booklets in English can be purchased for €1.

For those wishing to sample some food recipes of the past, the

Freilandmuseum sports three restaurants, which are open until midnight. For groups of 10 or more, it is recommended to reserve tables in advance.

The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entrance into the museum itself is open until 3 p.m. The cost

is €5 for adults, €4 for children and students and €13 families. There is no charge for children under six years of age.

The museum is closed from Dec. 12 until the middle of March. For more information on events and the museum, call 09841-668040 or e-mail info@freilandmuseum.de.



The view of a dining room inside a house found near Obernbreit. The house dates back to the 16th century.

Photo by Sandra Hanson



Live concerts in the Würzburg, Kitzingen areas

For more information and tickets, call either of the following locations:

Tourist office CTZ – Falkenhaus on the Würzburg Market Square (0931) 372398 or the Würzburger ticket pre-sale office located at CC Passage, Eichhornstr. 21 (0931) 55554.

Nov. 3

Würzburg, Omnibus: The Musicians' Stammtisch meets at 7:30 p.m. Musicians get together to perform a variety of songs.

For more information, call 0931-56121.

Nov. 4

Würzburg, Omnibus: A variety of local bands perform a charity concert for the victims of hurricane Katrina at 9 p.m.



The Sound of Joy gospel choir performs at the Old Synagogue in Kitzingen Nov. 19.

For more information, call 0931-56121.

Nov. 5

Würzburg, Dom St. Kilian: This performance will be a combined movie-music night starting at 7 p.m. An organ concert will set the background for the silent movie "The Passion of Jean d'Arc."

For more information, call 0931-38662271.

Dettelbach, old city hall: A piano concert will start at 8 p.m.

Nov. 6

Würzburg, Congress Centrum: *Wise Guys* will perform a concert acapella starting at 8 p.m.

For tickets, call 0931-55554.

For more information, call 0931-372335.



The Wise Guys will perform at the Würzburg Congress Center Nov. 6. Courtesy photos

Nov. 8

Würzburg, Jugendkulturhaus Cairo: Solo singer Amanda Rogers and the group *Limited Express* will perform at 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 0931-416933.

Nov. 9

Würzburg, Siebold Museum: *Tango Buenos Aires* will perform a variety of songs at 8 p.m.

For more information, call 0931-413541.

Nov. 11

Würzburg, Omnibus: *Smile* will play music from the 80s, 90s and today starting at 9 p.m.

For more information, call 0931-56121.

Nov. 12

Würzburg, Jugendkulturhaus Cairo: *Eric Rust & The Never Sleeps Band* will play Neil Young's songs for his 60th birthday at 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 0931-416933.

Nov. 13

Kitzingen, Protestant Church: The *Prague Philharmonic Orchestra* and the *Paul-Eber Kantorei Choir* will perform a concert with works by J.S. Bach and Haydn starting at 7:30 p.m.

For tickets, call 09321-23819.

Nov. 18

Würzburg, Omnibus: *Leos Den* will play a variety of reggae music at 9 p.m.

For more information, call 0931-56121.

Nov. 19

Kitzingen, Old Synagogue: The gospel choir *Sound of Joy* will perform at 8 p.m.

For more information, call 09321-920898.

Nov. 25

Würzburg, Stift Haug Church: *The Very Best of Black Gospel* will perform a variety of gospel songs including well known hits such as "Bridge over Troubled Water" or "Oh Happy Day."

The concert will start at 8 p.m. For tickets, call 01801-793793.

Nov. 26

Kitzingen, Old Synagogue: *Franconian Affair Bigband Swing Night* will perform songs by Robbie Williams at 8 p.m.

For more information, call 09321-920898.

Nov. 27

Albertshofen, Church: A church concert will be performed at 5 p.m.

Würzburg, Neubaukirche: The Mainfranken Theater will perform an advent concert at 5 p.m.

For more information, call 0931-39080.

Schweinfurt, St. Michael Church: *The Very Best of Black Gospel* will perform a variety of gospel songs including well known hits such as "Bridge over Troubled Water" or "Oh Happy Day."

The concert will start at 7 p.m. For tickets, call 01801-793793.

Würzburg Bach Days 2005 scheduled Nov. 19 - 29

The 37th annual Würzburg Bachtage will take place at the St. Johannis Church, Würzburg. For more information on each performance, call 0931-3228480 or check www.bachchor-wuerzburg.de. For tickets, call 0931-55554.

Nov. 19

Oratio concert will start at 8 p.m.

Nov. 20

Chamber concert I will start at 8 p.m.

Nov. 21

A violin concert will start at 8 p.m.

Nov. 22

A chamber concert for violoncello will start at 8 p.m.

Nov. 23

The Tölzer boys' choir will start their performance at 8 p.m.

Nov. 24

An organ concert will start at 8 p.m.

Nov. 25

A documentary on Bach and his work including live music samples will start at 8 p.m.

Nov. 26

A matinee promotion concert for young artists will start at 11 a.m.

Nov. 27

Works by Bach will be integrated into the Christian service starting at 10 a.m.

A Multimedia concert including dance will be performed at 8 p.m.

Nov. 29

Classical music meets Cuban music will start at 8 p.m.



Local Volksmarches in November

The routes are usually 5, 10 or 20 km unless stated otherwise.

Volksmarches marked YWT, meaning Young Walkers' Tour, are suited for children and volksmarches marked with an asterisk (*) are suited for strollers.

Times and telephone numbers are listed if known.

Participants may determine their own starting time and pace as volksmarches are a non-competitive event. Start and finish are usually in the same place, in a gym or community hall.

Nov. 1

Langenzenn: YWT, The volksmarch is

scheduled from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 09103-1812.

Nov. 5 & 6

Volkach(*): There will be two volksmarches Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a volksmarch with torches from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, a volksmarch is scheduled from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 09381-2571.

Nov. 12

Gehülz-Kronach: An afternoon volksmarch will go from 2 to 4 p.m. A volksmarch with torches is set from 4 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 09261-92711.

Wachenroth: From 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 09548-1744.

Nov. 12 & 13

Schnaittach: Saturday, the volksmarch is set from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 09153-7258.

Nov. 19

Selbitz: The volksmarch is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 09280-1006.

Nov. 26 & 27

Herzogenaurach: The volksmarch is set from 7:30 a.m. to noon on both days. For more information, call 09132-3208.

Wiesenfeld-Karlstadt: Starting times on both days are set from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 0173-6732110.

Local Parish Fairs

The German parish fair is an annual event mostly observed throughout small towns in middle and southern Germany.

Originally, the parish fair was a religious fest to celebrate a church consecration. Most towns host it on their saint patron's day.

To open the fest, local girls or boys put up a tree and decorate it with the town's coat of arms.

A market with booths and entertainment are part of most parish fairs. Sometimes small children's rides are also included.

Oct. 28 – Nov. 1

Castell

Nov. 4

Westheim (Biebelried)

Nov. 4 – 6

Buchbrunn

Nov. 4 – 7

Reupelsdorf (Wiesentheid)

Kleinlangheim

Nov. 4 – 8

Obernreit

Nov. 5 – 7

Stadelschwarzach

Nov. 5 – 8

Albertshofen

Nov. 11 – 13

Hernsheim (Willanzheim)

Nov. 12 & 13

Bibergau (Dettelbach)

Nov. 13

Michelfeld (Markstett)

Nov. 18 – 21

Geesdorf (Wiesentheid)

Nov. 19 – 21

Järkendorf (Prichsenstadt)



Local girls put up a tree in Wolframs-Eschenbach near Ansbach.

Photo by Sandra Hanson

Indoor & Outdoor Markets

Every Monday

Dettelbach: A farmer's market will be held on the market square. This market offers fruit, vegetables, plants, flowers and more from 10 a.m. to noon.

Every Friday

Dettelbach: A farmer's market will take place on the market square. The market offers fruit, vegetables, plants, flowers and more from 2 to 4 p.m.

Würzburg: A farmer's market is set to take place in front of the Maria Chapel on the market square from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nov. 1

Wiesentheid: An antique and flea market will take place at the Steigerwaldhalle.

Nov. 3 & 4

Coburg: A martini market will be set up on the market square.

Nov. 5

Würzburg: A flea market will be set up on the Mainwiese starting at 6 a.m.

Nov. 5 & 6

Iphofen: The city of Iphofen will

host a martini market throughout the weekend. Local stores will be open Sunday afternoon.

Nov. 6

Feuchtwangen: The city will host a Martini market downtown Feuchtwangen.

Lichtenfels: An arts and crafts market will take place downtown.

Ochsenfurt: The city of Ochsenfurt will host a flea market.

Kitzingen: A flea market will be set up at the E-Center parking area.

Nov. 13

Coburg: The Congress Center Rosengarten will host an arts and crafts market from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Schlüsselfeld: The city of Schlüsselfeld will host a martini market.

Nov. 16

Dinkelsbühl: A martini market will be set up downtown.

Nov. 19

Würzburg: A flea market will be set up on the Mainwiese starting at 6 a.m.

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